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**LABOR MARKET
DIGEST**

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A Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

Message from Commissioner Malloy ...

THE STATE OF MAINE HAS NOW RECEIVED OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF REPAYMENT OF \$36,400,000 OWED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

FROM 1975 THROUGH 1978 THE STATE WAS UNABLE TO MAKE FULL PAYMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS AND WAS REQUIRED TO BORROW MONEY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. EVENTUALLY THE LOAN TOTALLED OVER \$36,000,000.

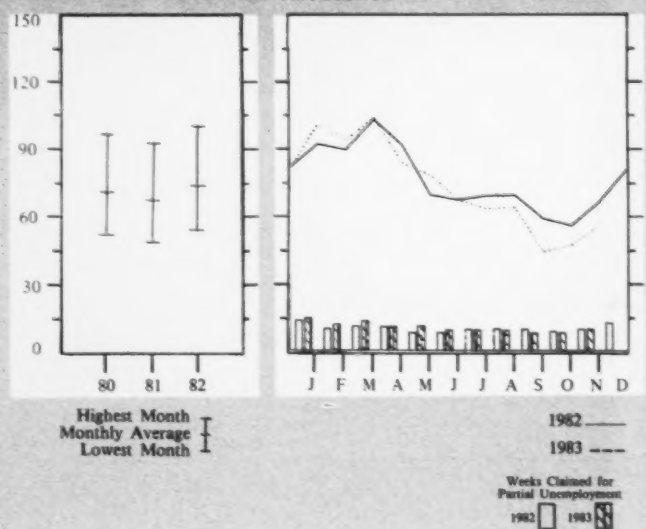
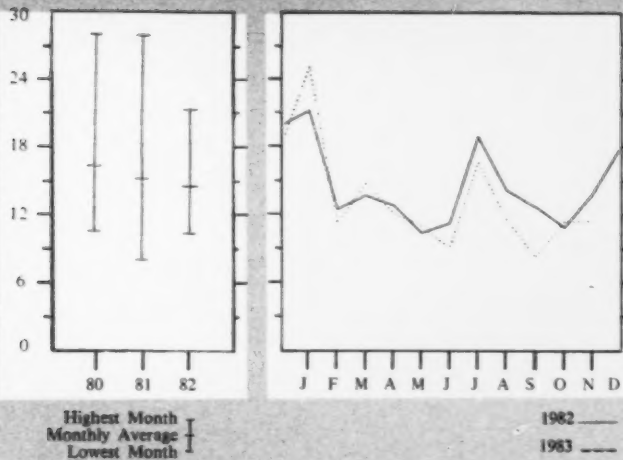
BEGINNING IN 1981, MAINE BEGAN TO MAKE REPAYMENTS ON ITS OUTSTANDING DEBT THROUGH THE ASSESSMENT OF A SURTAX ON EMPLOYERS REQUIRED TO MAKE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CONTRIBUTIONS. THE REPAYMENTS REDUCED THE DEBT TO LESS THAN \$5,000,000 LAST OCTOBER AT WHICH TIME A LUMP SUM PAYMENT FROM THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND WAS MADE WHICH COMPLETELY LIQUIDATED THE DEBT. THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR HAS NOW CONFIRMED THAT MAINE'S UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND IS PRESENTLY WITHOUT ANY OUTSTANDING DEBT FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1975.

TWENTY-ONE STATES, PUERTO RICO, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS CONTINUE TO OWE MONEY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFIT PAYMENTS. DUE TO EXCEEDINGLY HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT DURING THE PAST YEAR THE AMOUNT OF DEBT IN A NUMBER OF DEBTOR STATES HAS BEEN ON THE INCREASE. MAINE IS THE ONLY STATE TO HAVE MADE COMPLETE REPAYMENT OF A LONG-TERM LOAN IN THE PAST YEAR.



UI Initial Claims In Thousands

UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed In Thousands



LAST OF 1980 POPULATION CENSUS REPORTS FOR MAINE

PROVIDES DETAILED SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION ABOUT RESIDENTS

THE FINAL AND LARGEST VOLUME OF DATA FROM THE 1980 CENSUS ABOUT MAINE RESIDENTS HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT'S CENSUS BUREAU.

DETAILED POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS: MAINE IS A 278-PAGE COLLECTION OF 58 TABLES SHOWING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS FOR THE ENTIRE STATE AND THE STATE'S RURAL AREAS.

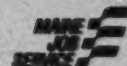
THE BOOK'S DATA INCLUDE:

- OCCUPATION CROSS-TABULATED BY AGE, SEX, SPANISH ORIGIN, EDUCATION, EARNINGS, AND INDUSTRY.
- INCOME AND POVERTY STATUS IN 1979 OF HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES, CROSS-TABULATED BY RACE AND SPANISH ORIGIN, EDUCATION, LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS, AND OTHER FACTORS.
- CITIZENSHIP AND YEAR OF IMMIGRATION TO THE NATION FOR FOREIGN-BORN PERSONS BY COUNTRY OF BIRTH.
- CHARACTERISTICS OF VETERANS 16 YEARS AND OVER BY AGE.
- PEOPLE IN GROUP QUARTERS (DORMITORIES, BOARDING HOUSES, PRISONS, ETC.) BY AGE, RACE, AND SPANISH ORIGIN.
- FERTILITY AND MARITAL STATUS OF WOMEN BY AGE, RACE, AND SPANISH ORIGIN.

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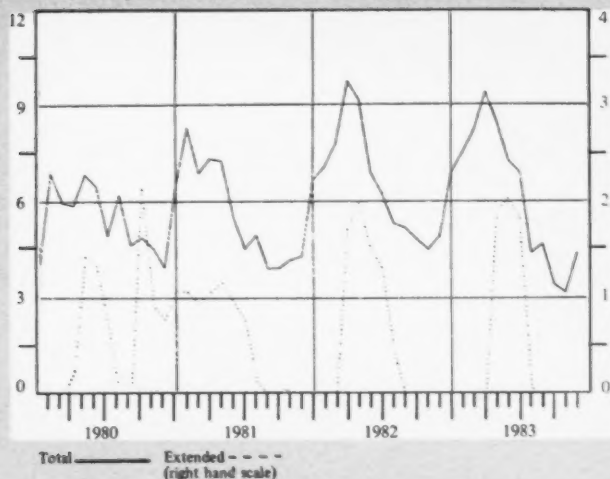
Selected Employment Security Activities



UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

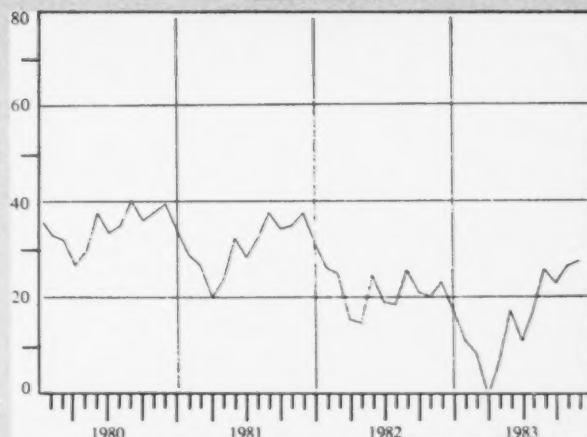
(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation

Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



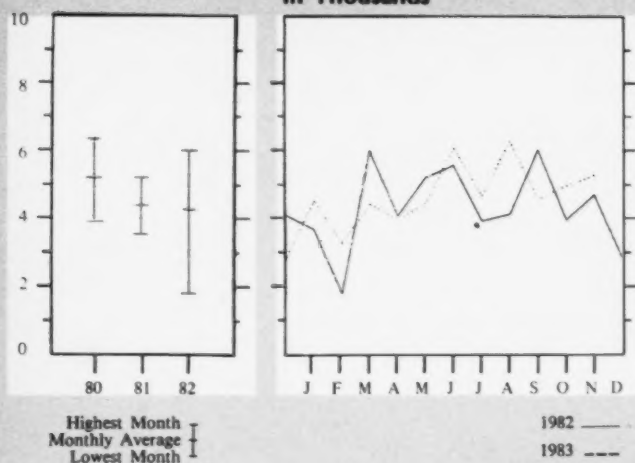
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary ^{1/}	415.6	422.3	411.0	100.1	100.4	96.5	34.4	34.6	34.0
Total Manufacturing	106.8	108.5	106.7	16.9	16.8	16.7	11.4	11.6	10.9
Durable Goods	38.8	39.1	38.8	6.7	6.6	6.6	2.1	2.1	1.9
Lumber and Wood Products ^{2/}	12.1	12.3	11.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	15.0	14.8	14.3	5.7	5.7	5.8	1.7	1.7	1.5
Other Durable Goods ^{3/}	11.7	12.0	13.0	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	68.0	69.4	67.9	10.2	10.2	10.1	9.3	9.5	9.0
Food and Kindred Products	8.2	9.1	8.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.9	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	7.0	7.1	6.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.5	1.6	1.4
Apparel	5.2	5.1	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	17.7	17.6	17.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.7	0.6	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	19.7	20.2	20.5	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.7	3.4
Footwear (except Rubber)	16.5	17.0	17.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.0	3.1	2.8
All Other	3.2	3.2	3.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods ^{4/}	10.2	10.3	10.1	4.7	4.7	4.6	2.5	2.6	2.6
Total Nonmanufacturing	308.8	313.8	304.3	83.2	83.6	79.8	23.0	23.0	23.1
Contract Construction	18.1	19.0	18.4	4.4	4.4	4.3	1.3	1.4	1.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	17.8	18.1	17.7	6.0	6.1	5.9	1.3	1.3	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	90.1	91.3	87.0	27.0	26.7	26.0	8.1	8.0	8.3
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	18.3	18.3	17.8	8.9	8.9	8.5	1.7	1.7	1.6
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	79.3	82.8	79.2	22.7	23.3	21.3	7.4	7.4	7.5
Government	85.2	84.3	84.2	14.2	14.2	13.8	3.2	3.2	3.2
Federal	18.3	18.0	18.0	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local ^{5/}	66.9	66.3	66.2	12.8	12.8	12.4	2.9	2.9	2.9
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

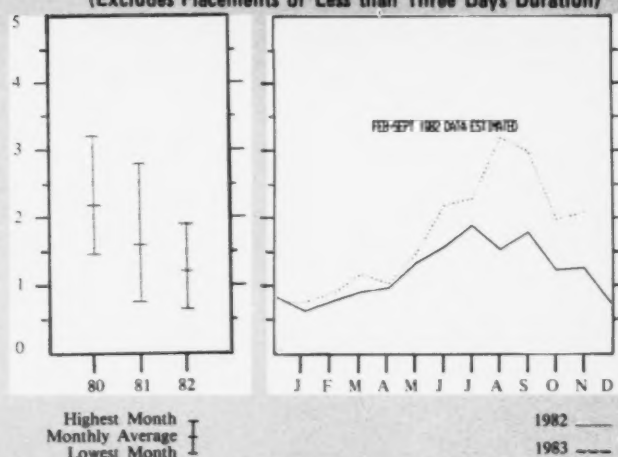
^{1/}Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. ^{2/}Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. ^{3/}Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38, Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. ^{4/}Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. ^{5/}Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50.

New Applications For Work in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1982	1981	1980
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	310.45	306.80	299.41	39.7	40.0	39.5	7.82	7.67	7.58	\$7.22	\$6.66	\$6.00
Durable Goods	321.19	324.82	315.20	39.8	40.2	39.4	8.07	8.08	8.00	7.59	6.97	6.27
Lumber and Wood Products ..	308.66	309.20	278.91	40.4	40.9	38.9	7.64	7.56	7.17	6.87	6.52	6.08
Metals and Machinery	306.00	305.56	286.38	40.0	40.1	38.7	7.65	7.62	7.40	7.15	6.61	5.87
Other Durable Goods	357.10	368.68	379.89	38.9	39.6	40.5	9.18	9.31	9.38	8.84	7.98	7.09
Nondurable Goods	304.13	297.26	289.93	39.6	39.9	39.5	7.68	7.45	7.34	7.00	6.48	5.85
Food and Kindred Products ..	216.04	211.67	224.72	35.3	34.7	36.6	6.12	6.10	6.14	5.84	5.50	5.01
Textile Mill Products	254.40	252.95	218.23	42.4	42.3	38.9	6.00	5.98	5.61	5.49	5.17	4.79
Apparel	212.22	206.42	202.57	38.1	37.6	37.1	5.57	5.49	5.46	5.23	4.97	4.49
Paper and Allied Products ..	528.22	513.02	488.25	44.5	45.4	45.0	11.87	11.30	10.85	10.10	9.27	8.31
Leather and Leather Products ..	204.59	207.76	205.15	36.6	37.3	37.3	5.59	5.57	5.50	5.46	5.10	4.72
Other Nondurable Goods	265.05	262.02	242.56	39.5	39.7	37.9	6.71	6.60	6.40	6.23	5.75	5.23
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	304.34	295.29	290.67	37.9	38.2	37.7	8.03	7.73	7.71	7.19	6.49	5.85
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	244.61	245.57	227.66	39.2	39.8	37.2	6.24	6.17	6.12	5.96	5.57	5.08

Female Labor Force in Maine in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	218.7	223.5	209.1
Unemployed	17.7	18.9	15.9
(Percent)	8.1	8.5	7.6
Resident Employed	201.0	204.6	193.2

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	303.1	302.6	293.6	292.4
Percent Change for Past Month				
Percent Change from Last December				+0.2
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago				+3.7
				+3.2

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE - Statewide	516.3	529.9	507.0	477.3	490.8	467.7	39.0	39.1	39.3	7.6	7.4	7.8
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	45,000	45,400	42,000	41,700	42,100	39,100	3,300	3,300	2,900	7.3	7.3	6.9
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	31,800	32,200	31,400	29,500	29,900	28,500	2,300	2,300	2,900	7.2	7.1	9.2
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	38,500	39,100	37,900	35,600	36,100	34,900	2,900	3,000	3,000	7.5	7.7	7.9
Portland SMSA	99,600	100,700	95,600	94,200	94,900	90,000	5,400	5,800	5,600	5.4	5.8	5.9
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	28,710	28,920	28,230	26,850	27,060	26,250	1,860	1,860	1,980	6.5	6.4	7.0
Bath-Brunswick	23,600	24,260	24,640	22,220	22,750	23,350	1,380	1,510	1,290	5.8	6.2	5.2
Belfast	10,710	11,240	10,440	9,540	10,070	9,350	1,170	1,170	1,090	10.9	10.4	10.4
Boothbay Harbor Wiscasset	7,580	8,510	6,830	7,000	8,000	6,330	580	510	500	7.7	6.0	7.3
Calais-Eastport	14,000	14,300	14,230	12,520	12,890	12,450	1,480	1,410	1,780	10.6	9.9	12.5
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,170	20,980	19,330	16,860	17,620	17,130	3,310	3,360	2,200	16.4	16.0	11.4
Central Penobscot	3,550	3,580	3,540	3,330	3,330	3,290	220	250	250	6.2	7.0	7.1
Dover Foxcroft	6,660	6,810	6,730	6,230	6,360	6,190	430	450	540	6.5	6.6	8.0
Ellsworth	19,340	20,920	21,650	18,070	19,800	20,210	1,270	1,120	1,440	6.6	5.4	6.7
Farmington	13,000	13,130	12,840	11,770	12,020	11,830	1,230	1,110	1,010	9.5	8.5	7.9
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,900	5,440	4,490	4,550	5,060	4,080	350	380	410	7.1	7.0	9.1
Greenville	1,500	1,550	1,610	1,440	1,490	1,510	60	60	100	4.0	3.9	6.2
Houlton	4,730	5,020	4,640	4,240	4,530	4,170	490	490	470	10.4	9.8	10.1
Lincoln-Howland	5,560	5,560	5,480	5,180	5,180	5,000	380	380	480	6.8	6.8	8.8
Livermore Falls	5,880	5,970	5,630	5,220	5,410	5,080	660	560	550	11.2	9.4	9.8
Madawaska Van Buren	4,250	4,720	4,150	3,790	4,190	3,610	460	530	540	10.8	11.2	13.0
Mechanic Falls	2,430	2,640	2,320	2,160	2,380	2,020	270	260	300	11.1	9.8	12.9
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,010	5,120	5,080	4,710	4,790	4,800	300	330	280	6.0	6.4	5.5
Patten Island Falls	2,290	2,480	2,300	2,120	2,290	2,050	170	190	250	7.4	7.7	10.9
Rockland	17,080	17,580	17,120	15,680	16,330	15,590	1,400	1,250	1,530	8.2	7.1	8.9
Rumford	19,850	19,980	19,840	18,270	18,260	18,120	1,580	1,720	1,720	8.0	8.6	8.7
Seabago Lake Region	10,300	10,640	10,100	9,580	9,910	9,340	720	730	760	7.0	6.9	7.5
Skowhegan	21,050	21,680	21,250	18,830	19,510	19,100	2,220	2,170	2,150	10.5	10.0	10.1
Kittery-York	19,560	22,000	17,990	18,920	21,430	17,240	640	570	750	3.3	2.6	4.2
Southwest Penobscot	8,150	8,210	7,960	7,350	7,400	6,990	800	810	970	9.8	9.3	12.2
Waterville	21,520	21,430	21,830	19,890	19,760	20,210	1,630	1,670	1,620	7.6	7.8	7.4
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,631.4	1,614.1	n/a	1,555.0	1,504.8	n/a	76.4	109.3	n/a	4.7	6.8
Massachusetts	3,064.0	3,033.0	3,027.5	2,894.0	2,838.0	2,832.1	171.0	195.0	195.3	5.6	6.4	6.5
New Hampshire	n/a	506.0	485.9	n/a	486.4	450.2	n/a	19.6	35.8	n/a	3.9	7.4
Rhode Island	n/a	484.7	481.1	n/a	453.1	436.6	n/a	31.6	44.4	n/a	6.5	9.2
Vermont	n/a	269.3	265.8	n/a	255.8	247.3	n/a	13.5	18.5	n/a	5.0	7.0
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,924.4	5,874.3	n/a	5,588.3	5,471.0	n/a	336.1	403.3	n/a	5.7	6.9
UNITED STATES 3/	112,147	112,042	110,855	103,018	102,659	99,379	9,129	9,383	11,476	8.1	8.4	10.4

Area Definitions

LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partial)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	9,528	8,219	13,563	1,069	1,102	1,896	668	527	955
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.4	2.1	3.4	1.3	1.3	2.3	2.1	1.6	2.9

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

DETAILED POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS FOLLOWS THE PUBLICATION OF THREE OTHER FINAL 1980 POPULATION REPORTS FOR MAINE: NUMBER OF INHABITANTS, GENERAL POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS, AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS. ALSO, POPULATION DATA FOR SMALL GEOGRAPHIC AREAS APPEAR IN BLOCK STATISTICS AND CENSUS TRACTS REPORTS FOR EACH OF THE STATE'S METROPOLITAN AREAS.

COMPANION PUBLICATIONS COVER MAINE DATA FROM THE 1980 CENSUS OF HOUSING.

IN ADDITION, MAPS, MICROFICHE, AND SUMMARY COMPUTER TAPES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE BUREAU FOR THE STATE.

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